



MEDIA ADVISORY

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DISASTER PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR CANNON, GILES & MARSHALL COUNTIES

FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE FLOOD VICTIMS STARTS MONDAY

WHAT: The Tennessee Department of Human Services today received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to operate the Disaster and Replacement Food Stamp programs for eligible flood victims in three recently declared disaster counties: Cannon, Giles and Marshall. Current Food Stamp Program beneficiaries may qualify for replacement benefits if they lost food due to power outages of 12 hours or more. Residents NOT currently enrolled in the program may be eligible for disaster food stamps.

The emergency cash program for eligible storm victims will also be conducted in these counties. Residents who sustained damage to their homes due to flooding and have registered with FEMA may be eligible for a \$250 or \$500 cash payment.

WHEN: Monday, May 24- Friday, May 28
(Offices closed Saturday and Sunday)
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE:	Cannon County DHS Office	Giles County DHS Office	Marshall County DHS Office
	325 Bryant Lane	115 South Cedar Lane	1204 Nashville Highway
	Woodbury	Pulaski	Lewisburg
	(615) 563-4051	(931) 424-4001	(931) 270-2234

MORE: Request for disaster assistance **must** be made at the local DHS office in the designated counties, and USDA regulations require face-to-face interviews.

Applicants for cash assistance MUST have registered with FEMA and suffered damage from the storms/flood.

For more information, visit the DHS website at www.tn.gov/humanserv.

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